

HOUSE BILL 3337

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 12; Title 33; Title 63; Title 67 and Title 71, relative to mental retardation and developmental disabilities services.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Title 33, Chapter 5 is titled developmental disabilities services; and

WHEREAS, the state agency that has the responsibility of administering the provisions of Title 33, Chapter 5 is named the division of intellectual disabilities services; and

WHEREAS, the name of the state agency having this responsibility should reflect all of the people in Title 33, Chapter 5 rather than just a particular group; and

WHEREAS, HJR 139 passed in 2009 stated the General Assembly's support for people with developmental disabilities having access to home and community based services provided through a single distinct entity in state government that has primary responsibility for planning, developing, and administering such programs; and

WHEREAS, this clarification of responsibility should not result in any additional costs to the state; now, therefore:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The division of intellectual disabilities services shall be renamed the division of developmental disabilities services, and such renamed division shall have primary responsibility for planning, developing, and administering programs for all persons with developmental disabilities.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee Code Commission is directed to change any references of the "division of intellectual disabilities services" in Titles 4, 12, 33, 63, 67 and 71 to the "division

of developmental disabilities services" wherever it appears in such titles as volumes are replaced and supplements are published.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.